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Supreme Venerable's Letter

Asks "Strong Protests" Against Walter Winchell

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., has written the following letter to all Grand Venerables urging their support in the Order's campaign to puncture the myth of the Mafia:

Dear Grand Venerable:

You perhaps are aware of the fact that twice within one week the columnist, Walter Winchell, has made certain statements in connection with the Order's campaign to curb the misuse of the word Mafia.

On Monday, January 11, 1960, Winchell's column carried an item in answer to a letter which Brother Marcello wrote to the columnist on January 5, 1960. In this column Winchell gave one definition of the word Mafia as meaning "A secret society of criminals." He further stated that "in short, Mafia couldn't mean law-abiding citizens."

This commentary has cast a cloud over what we really are trying to accomplish. Winchell completely disregarded another letter written by Brother Marcello on November 25, 1959. A copy of this letter appeared in the January edition of OSIA NEWS.

I am sure you will agree with me that Winchell's answer is not a fair one and to make matters worse Winchell's column of January 15 included



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The Case of the "Mafia U. S. A."

We Take Inventory

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

The time has come to take inventory of what has been accomplished in the Order's crusade to puncture the myth of the Mafia. We have come a long way since we opened our attack in the Spring of 1959 against those who have helped nurture one of the most monstrous bogey men in the history of the United States.

Much has been done, but much



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fia. We have changed the think-
ing of many persons. We have, in

particular, penetrated the "iron curtain" of the sponsorship of TV programs. Many companies who are spending millions of dollars annually in advertising on TV shows are now taking a hard, long look at what passes as entertainment on television. They are reviewing their policy of sponsorship. They have been made aware of how the Order Sons of Italy in America feels in the matter of the flagrant misuse of the word Mafia. Their thinking may not be immediately reflected in this year's crop of

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Supreme Treasurer Cernuto

Hits Back at TV Show Sponsor

Supreme Treasurer Joseph Cernuto of Mount Pleasant, Pa., doesn't believe in pulling his punches. He hit back at one of the sponsors of the TV show, "The Noise of Death" by yanking a supply of Tums from the shelves of his store. And to make the cheese more binding, Brother Cernuto wrote Lewis Howe Co., of St. Louis the following letter:

Gentlemen:

I am returning your advertisement I received this morning on your product "Tums." I don't even want to throw it in my waste basket since you are one of the companies paying to show "The Untouchables" on television.

Your product will stay off my shelves until you decide to sponsor a better show than "The Untouchables" which certainly is a disgrace to all races and creeds.

Did you ever stop to realize that a lot of the juvenile delinquents get their ideas from the shows you people are sponsoring. REMEMBER, your child can pick it up and go wrong as do hundreds of others. STOP, THINK and START sponsoring programs that will be entertaining instead of destroying.

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MEETING IN PROVIDENCE

Supreme Council Executive Committee In Two-Day Sessions

The Executive Committee of the Supreme Council and all Grand Venerables will meet in two-day sessions, Feb. 6 and 7, at the Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel in Providence, R. I.

Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorrasi, Woburn, Mass., in making the announcement, said that trustees of the newly created Sons of Italy Foundation will also meet during the two-day sessions.

The Order's campaign to curb the misuse of the word Mafia by law enforcement officials, newspapers and the entertainment field will be among the more important issues to be discussed.

A. Alfred Marcello, Worcester, Mass., director of OSIA NEWS and national chairman of the Order's Public Relations Committee, will report on the progress of the campaign to puncture the myth of the Mafia.

Marcello will also present several proposals to further the Order's fight against the misuse of the word Mafia.

National Home

John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., national chairman, will report on the progress of the National Memorial Home fund drive currently underway throughout the United States and Canada.

Delegates to the August 1959 Supreme Lodge convention held in Boston approved a goal of \$400,000 for the construction of a National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C.

Progress reports will also be made by national chairmen of all standing committees.

The invocation opening the two-day sessions will be said by the Rt. Rev. Guido L. Pallotta, Revere, Mass., Supreme Chaplain.

Luigi Scala, Providence, Grand Venerable of the host Rhode Island Grand Lodge, will welcome the Order's top officials.

Gov. Christopher DelSesto will be host at a luncheon honoring the group. A luncheon will also be given by the Rhode Island Grand Lodge.



NATIONAL HOME CHAIRMAN AT SAN FRANCISCO

Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, second from right, greets National Home Chairman John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., on his arrival in San Francisco. At left is Third Assistant Supreme Venerable Donato Ferrigno, San Francisco, and at right is Ex-Grand Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio, Pittsburgh, regional chairman of District No. 4.

National Home Campaign

Volpe Visits California

SAN FRANCISCO—John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., national chairman of the Order's National Memorial Home Committee, attended a special dinner by the Grand Lodge launching the fund drive in California.

Attending the dinner were Supreme Lodge officers, members of the Grand Council, venerables and grand deputies of the Bay Region.

Volpe was introduced by Ex-Grand Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio, Pittsburgh, chairman of region 4.

The national chairman urged members of the California Order to give their full support to the Order's fund drive to erect a National Memorial Home in Washington, D. C.

Other speakers were Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, Third

Assistant Supreme Venerable Donato Ferrigno and First Assistant Grand Venerable Alfonso Zirpoli, all of San Francisco.

Attending the dinner were Supreme Trustees Giulia Besozzi and Charles Palazzolo, San Francisco; Third Assistant Grand Venerable Salvatore Argento, Grand Recording Secretary Vincent Melella, Grand Orator Frank Ragone, Grand Treasurer Rocco Chiechi, Grand Historian Angelo Bacoccina, Grand Trustees Fay Sola, and Pat Mastrantonio,

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The Order Attacks "Bogey Man" on Broad Front

Here is a chronological resume of what the Order's Committee on Public Relations has done in recent weeks in connection with the Order's campaign to curb the misuse of the word Mafia.

December 18: Requested Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serrietta, Chicago, a member of the National Public Relations Committee, on behalf of Supreme Lodge to protest to police officials and newspapers who attributed the Roger Touhy killing to the Mafia.

December 30: Telephoned officials in charge of programming at the American Broadcasting Co., New York, protesting an-

nouncement that "The Noise of Death" telecast would be shown evening of January 14.

December 31: Made repeated telephone calls to same officials at ABC to determine whether the network would cancel the telecast or show it as scheduled. Nothing came of these calls.

January 4: Several hundred advisory bulletins were mailed to key officials of the Order regarding the ABC telecast.

On that day also news releases were sent to the United Press International and the Associated Press as well as scores of daily and weekly newspapers.

January 4: Letter to Atty. Gen. Edward J. McCormack Jr. of

Massachusetts outlining the Order's position in its campaign to curb the misuse of the word Mafia in the investigation of unsolved crimes.

January 5: Letter to Walter Winchell, columnist and narrator of "The Untouchables" series, requesting that he disassociate himself from "The Noise of Death" telecast.

January 6: Letter to Gov. Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut protesting the unsupported charges made by Connecticut State Police officials attributing a recent slaying to the Mafia.

January 6: Requested Grand

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Letters Challenge Crimes Attributed To The 'Mafia'

A series of letters have been pouring out of the office of the National Committee on Public Relations in recent weeks in one phase of the Order's campaign to puncture the myth of the Mafia.

Some of these letters went to top law enforcement officials and public officials as well as to publishers.

These letters were designed to focus public attention on the misuse of the word Mafia.

Challenge

The letters were part of a move to challenge, wherever possible, any statement made by law enforcement agencies attributing various crimes to the Mafia.

Among those who were sent letters were: Gov. Abraham Ribicoff of Connecticut.

Atty. Gen. Edward J. McCormack Jr., of the State of Massachusetts.

Henry R. Luce, editor-in-chief of Life Magazine.

Grand Venerable Humphrey W. Serritella of Illinois.

All letters were signed by A. Alfred Marcello, national chairman of the Order's Committee on Public Relations.

In the letter to Governor Ribicoff, Marcello asked the Chief Executive to "use his good offices to see that Connecticut State law enforcement officials do not use the word 'Mafia' in connection with an investigation of a so-called 'gangland slaying.'

Slaying Attributed to Mafia

Marcello charged that members of the Connecticut State Police had attributed the slaying to the Mafia when speaking for publication.

A few days after the remarks had been given widespread publicity in the daily newspapers, one of the Connecticut officials clarified his remarks by saying: "He did not mean the Mafia, but an organization similar to the Mafia."

Governor Ribicoff has since replied to the letter and informed the National Committee on Public Relations that he had transferred Marcello's letter to the persons involved.

Grand Venerable Edwin T. Chariott of Connecticut was requested by the Order's public relations chairman to "make strong representations to both Governor Ribicoff and the Connecticut State Police officials."

Letter to McCormack

In the letter to Attorney General McCormack, the Committee on Public Relations asked McCormack "to see that Massachusetts police involved in the same slaying did not make the same mistake as the Connecticut State Police by attributing the crime to the Mafia."

Attorney General McCormack's reply to Chairman Marcello is published elsewhere on this page.

Marcello's letter to the Life Magazine editor stemmed from an article in the January 11 edition of Life, which went into some detail on international crime.

The Life article stated, among other things, that "Mafia operations are concentrated almost entirely in the United States and Sicily."

In his letter to the Life Magazine editor, Marcello challenged "all those who believe that there is a Mafia in the United States to

An Editorial

Winchell — Anti-Italian

We have said it before and we will say it again — there are times when certain things must be done, when certain things must be said for the record regardless of where the chips fall: Those who have followed the Order's campaign to puncture the myth of the Mafia know what steps have been taken to win support for our cause. Through a series of letters we have tried to make Walter Winchell, the columnist, understand our problem. In one particular letter we spelled out the reasons why we believe that the constant use of the word Mafia without regard for established fact in essence slanders millions of law abiding Americans. In our last letter to Winchell we asked the columnist "to disassociate himself" from the television program called "The Noise of Death" which the American Broadcasting Co., telecast on the evening of January 14.

Winchell chose to reply to our last letter via one of his columns. In this column Winchell gave his readers one definition of the word Mafia as "a secret society of criminals," and on that basis, Winchell said, "Mafia couldn't mean law-abiding citizens."

This is typical Winchell stuff. He did not say, of course, that there are a dozen or so other definitions. We spelled out these definitions in our first attack on the Mafia myth back last June. At that time we published an article showing the large number of definitions for the word Mafia.

Winchell chose the definition best suited for his purpose and one which is unfair in every sense of the word.

And to add insult to injury, Winchell on the morning following the January 14 telecast of "The Noise of Death," carried a few lines in his column which read as follows:

Good suggestion from a Mirror fan after reading the letter from the Sons of Italy in America. He suggests Italian-Americans start a group called 'Italian-American Anti-Mafia Club.' This would be a great blow to the Mobfia." (Spelling is Winchell's.)

The reasons for Winchell's actions may be

obscure to some, but to this writer they are crystal clear. On the basis of Winchell's performance in our case there is only one conclusion to be reached — Winchell is "ANTI-ITALIAN."

And we pin that tag on the insufferable columnist for everyone to see.

We repeat, there can be no other conclusion. Where others have listened sympathetically to our arguments, Winchell arbitrarily disregarded "our bill of particulars" and instead chose to run off in tangents, something for which Winchell is famous.

It is our considered judgment that we, as members of the largest fraternal organization of its kind in America, are duty-bound to show Winchell that we will not brook his type of callow journalism. We must show him in no uncertain terms that we know he is not the man he pretends to be — a friend of the "downtrodden."

Rather we must show that we know him for what he really is — a rank opportunist, a man of no lofty principles or ideals. We must call him to task for his unfriendliness to a just cause. We can best do this by making strong representations to the publishers of every newspaper which carries his column. We can start with the New York Mirror from which flows the nauseous material labelled the Winchell column.

We ask members everywhere to take up this fight. We ask them in the name of the Order, in the name of everything we hold precious as men and women of Italian origin.

The stronger the representations made to publishers of newspapers carrying the Winchell column the better.

Far better columns than Winchell's have been dropped by publishers because of public pressure. And for less cause, too.

Make no mistake about this — Winchell is no friend of the legions of Americans who take fierce pride in the fact that their roots spring from Italy.

*He is in fact Anti-Italian.

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shows, but you can bet your bottom dollar that the climate on TV will be much different next year than what it is today.

Long, Hard Fight

When we first opened our campaign it was made clear that our fight would be a hard one and a long one. We said on a number of occasions that the situation would get much worse before it got better. We are of the same opinion today.

There will be more and more entertainment concerned with the Mafia. We know of at least three movies which are now in the making and which will exploit the Mafia theme.

But we must not be discouraged by this. This is something we expected. This is part of the cross we must bear, but quite definitely we will ultimately win out because with each passing day we are winning more and more friends to our side.

We must not let up for one single moment however distasteful this fight may be, however discouraging things may seem at times.

A number of avenues still remain open to us in our fight. These will be explored at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Council in Providence, R. I., early this month.

Must Continue to Fight

We still hold a few trumps and these will be played if it is found necessary. The important thing at this moment is to keep on our toes and fight back whenever there is need to.

The files of your National Committee on Public Relations are bulging with letters, clippings from newspapers and telegrams. All are mute evidence of the

progress that has been made in our campaign.

And notwithstanding the barbs from the poison pen of the arrogant and the anti-Italian columnist, Walter Winchell, we have won a number of victories in our battle against television shows which have, unwittingly or otherwise, slandered millions of Americans with trash called entertainment.

It is true that we were unable to get the American Broadcasting Co., to cancel the odious program called "The Noise of Death," but in the light of what has happened since the January 14 telecast the ABC network did the Order a service in showing that program.

Many persons, because of this trashy show, have been made aware of our problem. A large number of them have gone out of their way to inform this writer that they now understand our problem and wish us luck in our fight.

And don't be hoodwinked by Winchell's propaganda. The Order's campaign had a great deal to do with the postponement on the night of Oct. 29 of "The Noise of Death." We have proof of this. The proof is in letters from a number of sponsors of "The Untouchables" series. These letters indicate that some sponsors withdrew commercial support because of letters and telegrams which were sent to them as part of the Order's campaign.

Witness this letter which was sent by Armour and Company to G. N. Longarini, publisher of La Notizia of Boston:

"... The matter was first brought to our attention by Mr. A. Alfred Marcello, national chairman of the National Committee on Public Relations for the Order Sons of Italy in America. We communicated with the American Broadcast-

The Sponsors

Here is a list of companies which sponsored the American Broadcasting Co., telecast, "The Noise of Death," shown on the evening of January 14:

Tums

Johnson & Johnson medical supplies

Dial Soap

Luden's Cough Drops

These sponsors are listed here to guide members of the Order. These sponsors have no legitimate excuse for lending their support to a program which the Order has protested in no uncertain terms.

Our protests were given widespread publicity. Sponsors were warned that we would strike back if they persisted in backing the program.

They ignored our protests so now let them feel the sting of our displeasure. Boycott their products and when you do make sure you tell the storekeeper why you are crossing Tums, Luden's Cough Drops, Dial Soap and products of Johnson & Johnson from your shopping list.

Daily Newspapers Comment On Order's Campaign

Newspapers throughout the United States and Canada for the most reacted favorably to the Order Sons of Italy's call to its members to blackout their TV sets on the night of January 14 as a mass protest against the American Broadcasting Co. and the sponsors of the TV show called "The Noise of Death."

Here are excerpts from a few of the newspaper articles:

ROYCE BRIER—San Francisco Chronicle:

"... A telecast called 'The Noise of Death' is scheduled for this week, and the Order of the Sons of Italy in America is calling for a boycott of the program and its sponsors because it deals with the 'Mafia.'

"Boycotts, of course, have never been very effective in America. They almost never work, though sometimes the threat of one will work.

"Notwithstanding, the concern of the Italian organization is understandable. Though the social customs of some older generations of Italians may differ from the American average, their level of morality does not differ at all.

"There is no higher proportion of criminals of Italian stock in America than there is of criminal Hottentots in Africa. Evil traits are human, and not regional, national or racial. There is doubtless a Mafia in Sicily, but transmigration to America is largely the creation of the police authority. Crime is hard enough to contain, without the effort to make it look harder.

"It is not in the province of this column to judge a television program, especially an unproduced one. Its province is to try to find significance in the news."

GUY WRIGHT—San Francisco News-Call Bulletin:

"The Sons of Italy have been conducting a campaign against loose use of the term Mafia by police, newspapermen and others who deal with crime. Although boycotts aren't likely to accomplish much, their concern is understandable.

"Originally, the Mafia was a Sicilian secret society with criminal overtones. What it is today is problematical. There's no real evidence that the Mafia functions as an effective criminal association in this country.

"Indeed, no attempt to organize the nation's criminal element has ever succeeded, nor is one likely to. Crime by its very nature breeds disorganization.

"Certainly no nationality group has a monopoly on gangsterism in America. Just read the roster of our more notorious hoodlums, past or present.

"We've had our Al Capones and Frank Costellos. But we've also had Machinegun Kelley, Bugs Moran and the late Terrible Touhy. We've had Mickey Cohen and Louis (Lepke) Buchalter. We've had Dutch Schultz, Greasy-Thumb Guzik and John Dillinger. And such fine, all-American killers as Baby-Face Nelson and Ma Barker and her boys.

"It's just something to keep in mind as you watch 'The Untouchables,' now that you've been reminded of the boycott."

PAUL MOLLOY—Chicago Sun-Times:

"... George J. Spatuzza, past president (10 years) of OSIA, tells me: 'We've called upon our U. S. and Canadian membership to blackout their TV sets Thursday night (January 14) in protest against the play ("The Noise of Death.") It deals with the Mafia and is not factual. Programs like this perform no good, and only arouse racial disunity.'

"... Says Spatuzza, a Chicago attorney: 'There's no doubt that the picturing of Italians as Mafia gangsters has done our people a lot of harm. They have been singled out.'

"The OSIA contends that in this country the Mafia is a legend, and cites several crime-fighting experts in support. Among them is Virgil Peterson, executive director of the Chicago Crime Commission, who has said (on TV): 'I have never seen any convincing evidence of the Mafia as an organization which governs organized crime today.'

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another item concerning the Order's campaign on the Mafia.

This item stated that a reader of the New York Mirror had suggested that the Sons of Italy start a group to be known as the Italian-American Anti-Mafia Club.

It is obvious that Winchell is no friend of the Americans of Italian origin. In fact, because of his attitude, there is strong evidence that Winchell is anti-Italian.

Brother Marcello has informed me that he will carry a special article in the February edition of OSIA NEWS on the subject of Winchell's comments. Marcello will elaborate in his column that "we have no alternative but to conclude that Winchell is anti-Italian."

I want you to know that I

heartily endorse what Brother Marcello has to say. And I believe as Brother Marcello does that Winchell should be showed up for what he really is — an opportunist who has no regard for the feelings of members of the Order and all other Americans of Italian descent.

I believe that this matter is serious enough for the Order to take official action. Accordingly I am asking all Grand Venerables to make strong protests to the publishers of those newspapers throughout the country which publish Winchell's column.

We cannot afford to let Winchell's statements go unchallenged. We must make it clear to columnists, feature writers, and all other media of communication that continued slander of Americans of Italian origin will not be tolerated.

(Two daily newspapers—*The Evening Gazette* of Worcester, Mass., and the *Plain Dealer* of Cleveland, Ohio, recently published editorials which we know will be of great interest to the members of the Order. The Worcester newspaper editorial entitled "What Does the 'Mafia' Mean?" is believed to be the first editorial of its kind in the daily press since the Order instituted its campaign almost a year ago in connection with the use of the word Mafia.—Editor)

Evening Gazette, Worcester, Mass.

What Does "Mafia" Mean?

By common consent, most Americans no longer use racial epithets in their everyday speech. Terms that cast ridicule and scorn on national and religious groups are out of place in a decent society.

The continued use of the word "Mafia," however, troubles many people. While not precisely a racial epithet, it has similar connotations. The word has come to mean an interlocking organization or syndicate of criminals. Unfortunately, to many people, it also seems to suggest criminals of exclusively Italian background. Because of this, the Order Sons of Italy in America is protesting a forthcoming television show about the Mafia, charging that the word is constantly misused to the detriment of Americans of Italian heritage.

The original Mafia was a Sicilian secret or-

ganization that was outlawed by the Italian government. Some of its members may have emigrated to this country before and after the first World War, and they may have continued to conduct themselves according to its secretive rules. There is little hard evidence on this point. At any rate, the term sprang into common usage and it is now applied indiscriminately to illegal organizations, imagined or real.

This is unfortunate. Besides being inaccurate, when applied to present day criminal activities in this country, it is taken as a slander by countless law-abiding Americans. Such a provocative and insulting term has no place in our daily speech. It is time to let the Mafia wither away from our terminology, as it long since withered away from the slums of our great cities.

Cleveland Plain Dealer

A Dangerous, Immature Habit

Americans have a strange habit for a people of diverse origins. It should have been abandoned long ago, for its fallacy has repeatedly been demonstrated, but it still flares up from time to time. Currently it finds an outlet in lumping all Americans of Italian origin together as criminals because some criminals stem from that group.

This immature habit of going from the particular to the general has, in the past, hit about every national and religious group that is a component part of the nation. It started with the only native Americans, the Indians, who, as the old expression put it, were good only when they were dead.

On such generalizations prejudices and hatreds, ignorance and stupidity thrive. Each wave of immigration in the old days brought such a reaction. When the Irish fled the famine in 1846, factories in this country put up signs: "No Irish Need Apply." The Germans, the Poles—a score of other groups have felt this unjustified sting. The habit reached its apex in the Know Nothing Party of the last century which was against all people of foreign origin. Those benighted individuals and their counterparts today forgot that their origin, too, was foreign.

The present unhappy upsurge had its genesis

in the meeting, arrest and recent trial of the 60 racketeers at Apalachin, N. Y. Most of them carried Italian names. There has followed a flood of magazine articles on the Mafia, the Sicilian secret society, a rash of TV thrillers in which the culprit generally bears an Italian name. Any American of Italian origin seems to be fair game for the producers of thrills and entertainment and so-called exposés.

It is time for this cruel nonsense to stop. A handful of criminals of Italian background casts no reflection on the 12 million Americans who trace their ancestry to Italy. Their contribution to the building of America is inestimable. They are leaders in every field of national life. They are law abiding and despise the criminals among their own people as much as do Americans in any other group.

It is time to grow up and cease this senseless habit. It can be dangerous to every American. No one would be immune to the barbs of some other group if this sort of thing continued. It can endanger civil rights for everyone. Basically it is un-American because all of us are Americans wherever we or our ancestors came from, whatever skin pigmentation they have or what religious beliefs they followed.

The Order and The Press

Campaign Widely Publicized

Widespread publicity was given the Order's National Committee on Public Relations news release calling for a television "blackout" and boycott against sponsors of the TV show, "The Noise of Death."

A number of newspapers used the release on page one; others featured it in special columns and in a number of instances daily newspapers commented editorially on the Order's campaign.

Members throughout the country and Canada mailed scores of newspaper clippings to the office of the National Committee on Public Relations.

Key members throughout the Order were requested to submit all news clips concerning the release.

In the New England area, early replies to the committee's request were received from Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

News clips were also received from California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Canada, Florida and Illinois.

Several Italian language dailies carried the Order's news release on page one.

Among these were La Notizia, Boston, Mass.; L'Italia, San Francisco, Calif., and Corriere Canadese, Toronto, Canada.

The Spanish language daily Traducción-Prensa of Tampa,

campaign to puncture the myth of the Mafia. Frasca charged a small number of inept law enforcement officials throughout the country with fostering the myth whenever they attribute an unsolved crime to the Mafia.

ABC Should Be "Off Limits" To All Members

Rating of television programs is quite important to the TV industry. Sponsors look to these ratings to determine how to spend millions for commercials each year.

The American Broadcasting Co. should be "off limits" for every member of the Order. We ask members to give the widest berth possible to any program televised by the American Broadcasting Co., because of the treatment accorded us in the matter of having ABC cancel out the odious program called "The Noise of Death."

Don't help to nurture the bogey man of the Mafia by supporting a network which in essence told our beloved Order "go fly a kite" when we made repeated attempts to have the program cancelled out.

1960 Cruise, Tour of Europe

PHILADELPHIA — The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has announced that arrangements have been completed for its 1960 Sons of Italy Cruise-Tour of Europe.

Grand Recording Secretary Ernest L. Biagi, in making the announcement said:

"This year's 46-day cruise-tour is perhaps the most elaborate that the Grand Lodge has sponsored within the past several years."

"The Grand Lodge sponsors these annual excursions for the enjoyment not only of our members in Pennsylvania, but for members throughout the United States and Canada."

"An interesting sidelight of these tours is the fact that the number of non-members participating in these tours increases each year. The price range from tourist to first class is a significant selling point because it includes all meals, hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and provides for porters and gratuities."

The price schedule for the 46-

day all-expense tour is \$1,475.00 for first class accommodations; \$1,100 for cabin class accommodations, and \$975.00 for tourist class accommodations.

The cruise-tour will leave New York aboard the Conte Biancamano on July 9.

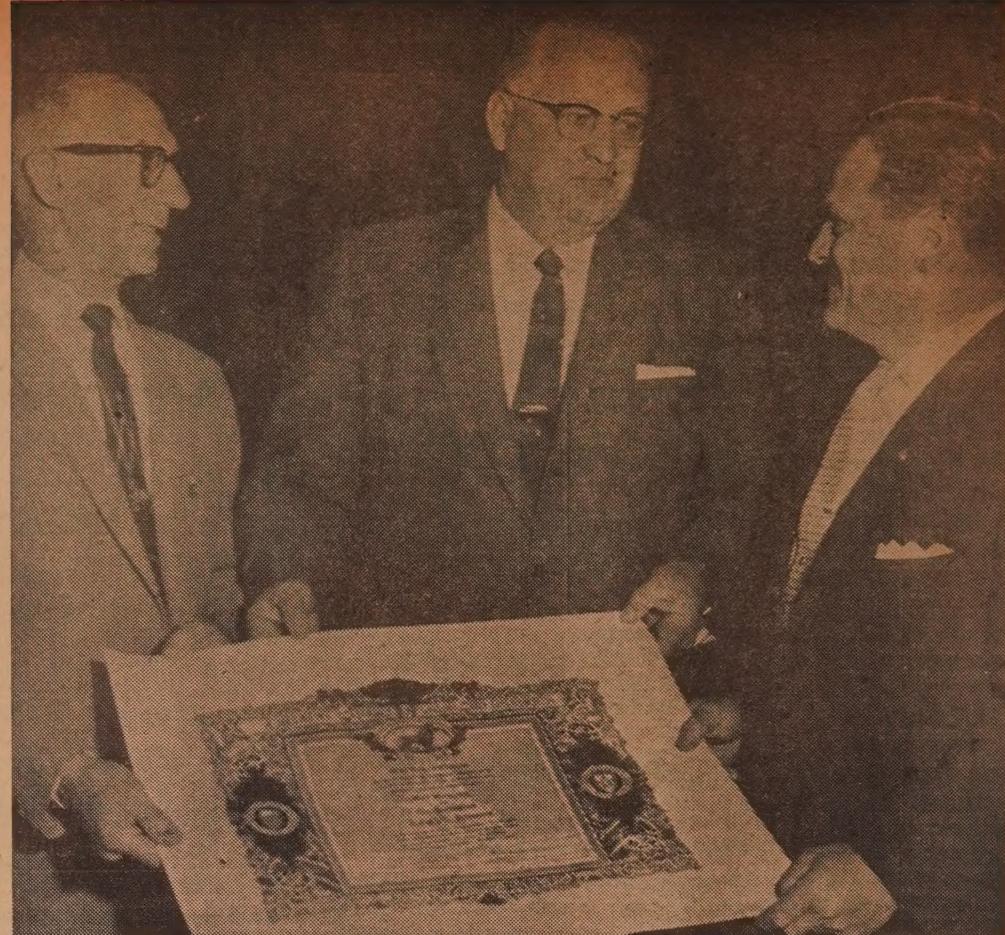
Among the ports of call to be visited before docking at Naples, Italy on July 22 will be, Boston; Ponta Delgada in the Azores; Lisbon, Portugal; Gibraltar; Barcelona, Spain, and Genoa, Italy.

In addition to a tour of Italy, tour members will visit Austria and Switzerland for sightseeing excursions.

The tour will end in Naples August 14 and depart aboard the Augustus on August 16 and arrive in New York August 26.

Those interested in joining the 1960 Sons of Italy Cruise-Tour should write for full particulars to:

**Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
Grand Recording Secretary
Mr. Ernest L. Biagi
Broad and Federal Sts.
Philadelphia 46, Pa.**



CALIFORNIA AWARDS MERITORIOUS MEMBERSHIP

ROSEVILLE, Calif.—U. S. Rep. Harold Johnson, center, Roseville, accepts certificate of meritorious membership, awarded by the Grand Lodge of California, from Ex-Grand Venerable Peter J. Bertoglio, right. At left is Vito Carbone, venerable of Roseville Lodge No. 1413, who presided at the ceremonies. Congressman Johnson was honored at a dinner given by the lodge.



BASEBALL CHAMPS FOR 5TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—They've done it again. The Sons of Italy baseball team of the Giacomo Puccini Lodge captured the Sacramento Boys' Winter League championship for the fifth consecutive year. In the four previous victories the boys were entered in the 90-pound division. This championship was won in the 100-pound division. From left to right, kneeling, are, Mike Glasgow, Mickey Collin, Peter Sardelich, Mike Powers, Joe Marty, Steve Wright, Billy Waltermeyer, Ron Havey, Dave Hamitt. Standing, left to right, John Brewer, Mike Houghton, Jimmy Nelson, Coach Puggy Wood, Peter Tomasini, lodge chairman of athletics; Coach Elmer Thomas, Jon Ford, Glenn Wolff, Lefty Mike Eschman, who hurled the 9-1 no-hit championship victory. Team personnel absent from picture were, Craig Pichinino, Paul Aschman, Mike Garcia and Coach John T. Holden, Jr.

Quebec Grand Venerable Is Dead

MONTREAL, Que. — Frank Malvasio, Grand Venerable of the Quebec Grand Lodge and a veteran member of the Order, passed away recently.

He had been elected Grand Venerable at the 1958 Quebec Grand Convention. He had been a member of Cabot Lodge.

MALVASIO — The funeral services were attended by members of the Grand Council. They participated in the recitation of the Holy Rosary.



In Tema di Lingua Italiana

da FRANCESCO PALLERIA

Io non conosco il fratello Antonio Sessa, di New York, ma ho imparato a conoscerlo dopo di aver letto su OSIA NEWS le poche parole da lui scritte e riprodotte dal fratello Ernesto Biagi.

Col Sig. Sessa possiamo stringerci la mano, perché anch'io mi sono sempre battuto e continuo a battermi, senza mai stancarmi, in difesa della nostra lingua in America.

Proprio nell'edizione de "La Fiamma" del mese scorso ho pubblicato un articolo (il dodicesimo, se non erro) in difesa della lingua italiana, facendo rimprovero a quelli che la sanno benissimo, e ne astengono di parlarla.

Più d'una volta nella Loggia Suprema ho alzato la voce per

rilevare l'indifferenza dei Gerarchi verso il nostro idioma. Si parla, si, in Loggia Suprema, di cultura italiana, si parla, si, di cercare di fare inserire nel programma delle scuole l'insegnamento della lingua italiana, ma poi, proprio nella Suprema Loggia, che dovrebbe essere di esempio e d'incitamento ai membri dell'Ordine, non si sente neppure una parola d'italiano.

Io credo che sarebbe ormai tempo di non imitare più oltre Padre Zappata, il quale predicava bene e ruzzolava male, ed incominciare, invece, a dare il buon esempio, specialmente da parte di quelli che mostrano di volere difendere la nostra lingua, ed essere i primi ad esprimersi nel nostro dolcissimo idioma.

Two Honored At Norfolk, Va.

NORFOLK, Va. — Two members of Roma Lodge No. 254 were honored at a birthday party given in the lodge quarters.

Honored were Hugo Bernagozzi, past venerable and a member of the lodge for many years, and superintendent of the Colonna Shipyard, and Danny Ciola, a past financial secretary and past grand officer.

Venerable Anthony L. Falletta was toastmaster. Guests were Grand Venerable Frank Montagna, Grand Financial Secretary John Vizzini, Grand Trustee A. D. Minutolo and Anthony L. Molura, lodge chairman of the National Memorial Home fund drive.

Roma Lodge Elects Sorge At Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Members of Roma Lodge No. 71 have elected Joseph Sorge, venerable for the 1960 term.

Other officers are, Jene Lozupone, assistant venerable; Ralph Urciolo, orator; Emilia Vallone, recording secretary; Oswald Fabrizio, financial secretary; Louis Carta, treasurer; Vito Luzopone, Louis Urciolo, Giuseppe Musolino, Evelina Marchionna, trustees; Lawrence Vallario, comptroller; Dr. Paul Manganaro, medical officer; John Capossela, guard; Atty. William Amoroso, supreme delegate; Alfonso Fiore, alternate.



SACRAMENTO, CALIF., MEMBER HONORED
Presentation of the key to the city of Sacramento to Grand Trustee Peter Capineri, right, by Mayor Clarence Azevedo, highlighted the joint initiation of 44 new members by Giacomo Puccini Lodge and Queen Margaret Lodge. Peter Tomasini, a supreme delegate and member of the committee, is at right. Grand Venerable Attilio Raeta, San Francisco, presided at the induction. He was assisted by Grand Trustee Capineri, a member of Puccini Lodge, and Grand Trustee Pat Mastrantonio. Grand Trustee Capineri was honored for his outstanding service to the community.

Salvatore Parisi, Dr. Ventura Are Dead

Both Served On Supreme Council For Many Years

Two top officials of the Order passed away within weeks of each other.

Salvatore Parisi, Supreme Financial Secretary Emeritus, a member of the Order for 47 years, died in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dr. Alfonso L. Ventura, dean of the Supreme Council who was serving his 20th year as a Supreme Trustee, died in Norristown, Pa.

Salvatore Parisi

Salvatore Parisi of Brooklyn, N. Y., Supreme Financial Secretary Emeritus of the Order Sons of Italy in America, passed away recently. He had been in ill health since 1957.

Brother Parisi had served as Supreme Financial Secretary from 1918 to 1957. He had been re-elected by acclamation at each Supreme Convention.

Honored in 1957

Illness forced his retirement in 1957. After more than 40 years service to the Order, his letter of resignation was presented at the San Francisco Supreme Lodge convention.

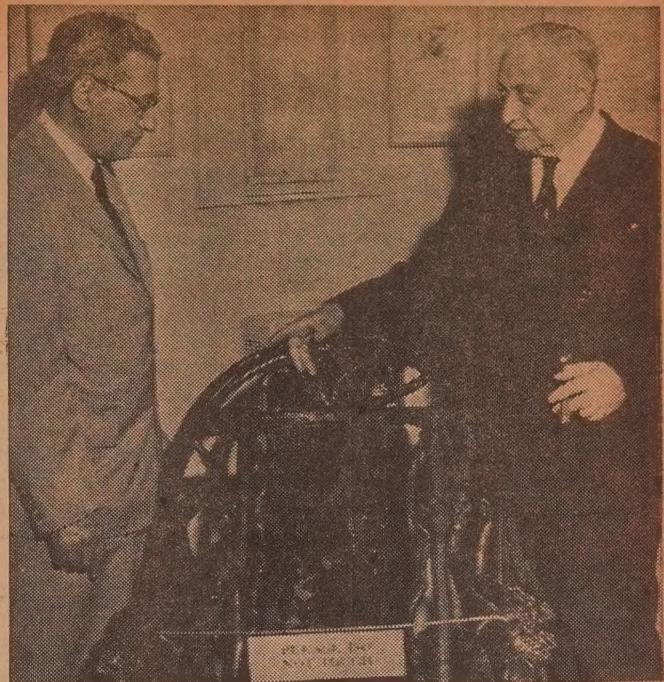
Following acceptance of the letter, Supreme Delegates paid tribute to Parisi in a resolution acknowledging his contributions to the Order and making him Supreme Financial Secretary Emeritus.

Parisi had served under five Supreme Venerables — Dr. Vincent Buffa, Stephen Miele, Giovanni DiSilvestro, Judge Felix Forte and George J. Spatuzza.

He had first become associated with the Order in 1913, two years after the founding of the Order in New York. He became a member of Pietro Verdi Lodge No. 107 of Brooklyn.

He served as a grand and supreme delegate soon after becoming a member, and in 1915 was elected Assistant Grand Venerable of New York.

Brother Parisi was born in



Dr. Alfonso L. Ventura, left, Supreme Trustee, Norristown, Pa., and Salvatore Parisi, Supreme Financial Secretary Emeritus, Brooklyn, N. Y., as they attended dedication of the Order's Garibaldi-Meucci Memorial Museum on Staten Island, N. Y., in 1956.

Italy and had come to this country in 1902.

Soon after his arrival in this country he founded an Italian language school in Brooklyn. He operated the school until 1905 when he founded a weekly newspaper, "Il Folletto." He edited the newspaper for a time and then established the "Circolo di Filodrammatico Virginia Retier."

Brother Parisi also established and operated a hand-embroidery factory and outlets in Brooklyn from 1903 to 1926.

A prolific writer, he had contributed many works to the literary world and the stage.

Since the inception of OSIA NEWS in 1946, Brother Parisi had served as editor of the Italian page until his resignation from the Supreme Lodge in 1957.

Dr. A. L. Ventura

Dr. Alfonso L. Ventura of Norristown, Pa., Supreme Trustee and dean of the Order's Supreme Council, died last month after a long illness.

Highlight of his many years of active service to the Order and the community was the honor he received in 1956 from his native Italy.

He was presented with the Italian Medal of Honor, awarded by the President of the Republic of Italy, for outstanding civic contributions.

Dr. Ventura, born in 1894 in Cosenza, Italy, came to the United States in 1902. He received his preliminary education in Fall River, Mass.

He received his degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery from Temple University Dental College in 1925 and did post graduate work in oral surgery at Northwestern University.

Dr. Ventura joined the faculty

at Temple University Dental School in 1925 and established his practice the same year in Norristown. He was a member of the faculty until 1940.

Joins Meucci Lodge

Soon after settling in Norristown, Dr. Ventura joined the Antonio Meucci Lodge No. 306, a lodge which then and now holds the distinction of being the largest in the Order.

He was elected venerable of the lodge in 1931, was again named venerable in 1935 and in 1947.

His long tenure as a Supreme Trustee, a span of 20 years, gave him the opportunity of friendship with thousands of members throughout the country.

Dr. Ventura also was vice president of the Order's National Historical Society. He had also served the society as secretary-treasurer.

School Board President

In community activities, Dr. Ventura had served as a member and president of the Norristown School Board, was a member of the board of directors of the Norristown Playground Association and a member of Holy Saviour Church.

His affiliations in dentistry were, past president of the Montgomery-Bucks Dental Society; past president of the Second District Dental Society of Pennsylvania; chief of dental surgery at Montgomery Hospital; chief of oral surgery at Sacred Heart Hospital; a fellow of the Academy of the International of Dentistry; a member of Omicron Kappa Opsilon honorary society; Psi Omega Fraternity, and the University Club of Montgomery County.

He leaves his widow, Louise (Sisca) Ventura, a son Joseph of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and a daughter, Marie, of Norristown.

Home Fund Donation Received Outside Of Sons Of Italy

Interest in the Order's project to erect a National Memorial Home in Washington, D.C., has reached individuals not associated with the Sons of Italy.

National Chairman John A. Volpe, Winchester, Mass., reports receipt of a \$5 contribution from Mr. Salvatore Donato of Spokane, Wash.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

CORNELIA LODGE NO. 1096

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

PLAN AMERICAN ITALIAN DAY FOR NEW CASTLE, PA.

Andy Biordi, seated right, venerable of Ellwood City Lodge, has been named chairman of the 1960 American Italian Day celebration of Districts 15-18 to be held in August at Cascade Park, New Castle. All 50 lodges of the four districts will participate in the celebration. Seated at left is Venerable Martha Peluso of the New Brighton Lodge. Standing, left to right, Grand Trustee Adolph Cicco, Butler, committee secretary; FUM Commissioner Frank DeBona, Beaver Falls, committee auditor, and Grand Trustee James Iorfido, Ambridge, chairman of District 18. Supreme Trustee Charles Caputo, Pittsburgh, and other members of Districts 15-18 elected to the Pennsylvania Grand Council, Women's Division, Mortuary Fund Commission and Dante School and Orphanage Commission, will be honored at a banquet in February to be held at the Ellwood City Lodge hall.

NATIONAL HOME

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Atty. Rose M. Fanucchi, president of the Press Committee; Atty. Ezio Paolini, president of the Athletic Committee; and Atty. Mario Paolini, president of the Laws Committee.

Asks Cooperation Of State Chairmen

National Chairman John A. Volpe has urged all state chairmen in the current memorial home fund drive to report with more frequency on the progress of the drive in their area.

Volpe made the appeal in a letter sent to all state chairmen.

He noted that a number of state chairmen were remiss in their duty to send in frequent progress reports.

He said in part:

"If we are to have this new building available for the Supreme Lodge Convention in 1961, construction must be started not later than June, 1960. In order to do this, we will have to have plans and specifications started not later than the middle of March.

Offering a suggestion in the drive for funds, he said:

"A suggestion was made at the Chicago meeting by an Italian radio announcer that he would be willing to push the drive for funds on his radio program, and solicit donations for any amount from his listeners.

"I would like you to pass this along to your committee and members hoping that they will be

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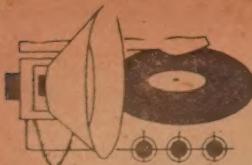
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RECORDS IN REVIEW

By A. ALFRED MARCELLO

The list of operas recorded in stereo continues to grow and with each fresh batch emerges a number of impressive discs. Perhaps the most spectacular of these is London's complete recording of Boito's *MEFISTOFELE*. This is a vital, exciting and superb score with a brace of top-flight opera stars.

The cast includes Cesare Siepi (bass) as Mefistofele; Mario del Monaco (tenor) as Faust; Renata Tebaldi (soprano) as Margherita; Luica Danielli (contralto) as Marta and Pantalis; Piero di Palma (tenor) as Wagner and Nereo; Floriana Cavilli (soprano) as Elena.

Tullio Serafin conducts the Orchestra and Chorus of the Accademia di Santa Cecilia.

The recording, of course, is in the finest tradition of London engineering.

At the "Met" in 1925.

It is a sad commentary that Boito's masterpiece has not been heard at the Metropolitan Opera for some 35 years. Chaliapin sang the title role when the Metropolitan last gave it in 1925. Perhaps London's masterful recording may serve to stimulate interest in what we believe to be one of the interesting operas to come from Italy.

Two other complete opera recordings have been released by London. These are *LA FAVORITA* and *L'ELISIR D'AMORE* and both are the work of Donizetti. And both were recorded in Florence, Italy.

The Chorus and Orchestra of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino are heard in *LA FAVORITA* and *L'ELISIR D'AMORE*.

Both works make good listening, but to this reviewer *LA FAVORITA* is a joy to hear. Giulietta Simionato sings the role of Leonora DiGusman. The other soloists do a good job, but it is Miss Simionato who makes this recording a gem.

Di Stefano Tops Cast

Giuseppe Di Stefano, one of our favorites, and Hilde Gueden, who has distinguished herself in a number of London recordings, head an excellent cast in *L'ELISIR D'AMORE*.

On the basis of these two recordings of operas by Donizetti

United Artist's Pines of Rome

Hats off to Leopold Stokowski and United Artists for one of the most brilliant interpretations of Ottorino Respighi's *PINES OF ROME*. There have been any number of versions of Respighi's symbolic poem, but we doubt that any of these approaches Stokowski's treatment.

This is a conventional hi-fi recording but there were times when we were convinced it was a stereo recording, so broad and brilliant is the sound.

PINES OF ROME covers one side of the disc. On side two are other favorites from composers of the Renaissance, namely Gabriel's Pian E Forte, Frescobaldi's Gagliarda and Cesti's Tu Mancavi A Tormentari, Crudelissima Speranza.

We are sure this is one recording you'll want for your collection.

It is a mystery to this writer why more good Donizetti has not reached the shelves of record shops. There is a certain quality about Donizetti's music which defies description. Donizetti is said to have written as many as 70 operas in his lifetime.

LA FAVORITA and *L'ELISIR D'AMORE* may rank as the most popular with modern audiences, but certainly there must be others by Donizetti which could be recorded with profitable results.

Tebaldi Sings Verdi

If you like Verdi you'll want the London stereo recording *RENATA TEBALDI SINGS VERDI*. This is a splendid recital by one of the loveliest voices to be heard in either "live" or recorded opera.

Tebaldi sings a number of favorites from *Il Trovatore*, *La Forza Del Destino* and *Otello*.

Alberto Erede conducts the Chorus of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino and L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande in the *Il Trovatore* suite.

Erede also conducts in the recording of the prayer from *Otello*.

Francesco Molinari - Pradelli conducts the Chorus and Orchestra of the Accademia di Santa Cecilia of Rome in arias from *La Forza Del Destino*.

Beethoven Concertos

Wilhelm Backhaus, the pianist, is an amazing person. At the age of 75 he is busy re-recording for stereo a number of works which won him well deserved accolades back in the early days of hi-fi.

The distinguished pianist now has committed to stereophony three Beethoven works — *PIANO CONCERTO NO. 1 IN C MAJOR, OPUS 15*; *PIANO SONATA NO. 8 IN C MINOR OPUS 13 (Pathétique)* and *PIANO CONCERTO NO. 3 IN C MINOR, OPUS 37*.

In spite of his age Backhaus shows remarkable control even in the most intricate passages of the First Concerto. The sound, of course, reflects painstaking engineering by London. But it is the venerable Backhaus' playing that makes these two recordings a real treat in beautifully balanced recorded sound.

Ingenious Recording

Command Records can chalk up another unusual recording in the stereo disc *THE PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE EYE*. Enoch Light and his orchestra provide some really refreshing music in this new release. This is the creation of Enoch Light who has achieved somewhat of a reputation for coming up with the unusual.

The sound is on par with other recent Command Records releases, which, in essence, means TOPS.

An excellent recording for anyone's collection.

CAPSULE REVIEWS

Warner Bros.

THE MOST RECORDED SONGS OF ALL TIME is quite a recording. For one thing it features Buddy Cole and his orchestra and then again the songs recorded include a number of all-time favorites. These include *St. Louis Blues*, *Autumn Leaves*, *Stardust*, *September Song* and *Over the Rainbow*.

The sound is tops so much so that you have the feeling that you are listening to a stereo and not conventional hi-fi.

Telefunken

Two new releases from this off-shoot of London and they're quite a package at the bargain price of \$1.98 each. One recording has highlights from two Strauss favorites *THE GYPSY BARON* and *A NIGHT IN VENICE* as well as highlights from Lehár's *THE LAND OF SMILES* and *DER ZAREWITSCH*.

The other has the Berlin Municipal Opera presenting highlights from Offenbach's *TALES OF HOFFMAN* and highlights from Humpertinck's *HANSEL AND GRETEL*.

Both these recordings are "words with music."

Both recordings feature some excellent singing by competent soloists and chorus.

International Series

There's quite a variety of music listening in some of the latest releases by London International Series. Tops among these is *GOOD EVENING VICO!* This is a so-called musical self-portrait of Vico Torriani, the Italian singer with a voice that is certain to please even the most discerning audiophiles.

Vico presents a dozen or so songs which include *Addio Donna Grazia*, *Domino*, *Penny Serenade*, *Nel Blu Di Pinto Di Blu* and *Granada*.

Then there's *CONTINENTAL FAVORITES* with Caterina Valente. Her repertoire, for the most, features French and German songs. She does present two Italian selections — *Non e Così* and *Ciao, Ciao Bambina*.

She has a pleasant voice that reproduces well.

Felsted

ALL THE WAY, a Felsted recording, gives the French pianist, Emil Stern, ample opportunity to display his keyboard dexterity. This is one of the most engaging "cocktail hour" piano recitals we have heard on records. Good sound.

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NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Grand Lodge of The Northwest Washington, Oregon and Idaho

FRANK V. ORRICO
Grand Venerable

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Wishes

To All Supreme and Grand
Lodge Officers and to all
Brothers and Sisters of our Order

A Happy New Year

Greetings
REDENZIONE
LODGE No. 1427
LOS BANOS, CALIF.

NEW YEAR
GREETINGS
Anita Garibaldi
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ASHTABULA, OHIO

Best
Wishes
For
The
New Year

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COLAIANNI
LODGE
No. 858
Youngstown, Ohio

HOLIDAY
BEST WISHES
BELLAIRE LODGE
NO. 754
BELLAIRE, OHIO

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Season's Greetings
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New Year Greetings
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To All
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Three Members in the News



ATTY. CARMINE A. VENTIERA

Takes office as Justice of the City Court of New York City.

Carmine A. Ventiera

Grand Venerable Carmine A. Ventiera of Brooklyn, N. Y., last month took the oath of office as Justice of the City Court of the City of New York.

Brother Ventiera also serves the Order as national chairman of the Dr. Vincenzo Sellarro Memorial Committee, established by Supreme Venerable Joseph Gorraso to honor the memory of the founder and first supreme venerable of the Order.

A graduate of St. John's University Law School, Grand Venerable Ventiera has been practicing law for more than 25 years.

He has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the U. S. Court of Claims, Treasury and Justice Department, and the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Deputy N. Y. Attorney General

He is former assistant corporation counsel for New York City; has served as a special deputy attorney general for New York in the election fraud bureau, and as Justice of the City Court of New York City.

Some of his appointments have been, commissioner of appraisal in condemnation proceedings for property condemned by New York City, board of water supply; commissioner of appraisal in condemnation proceedings for railroad purposes; referee in Surrogate Court matters; receiver and trustee in bankruptcy proceedings in U. S. District Court; arbitrator on panel of American Arbitration Association.

He is a director of the Alumni Association of the St. Johns College Law School; director of the Catholic Guild for the Blind, Diocese of Brooklyn; former president of the Queen of All Saints Holy Name Society, and law committee chairman of the

ATTACK

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Venerable Edwin T. Chariott, South Norwalk, Conn., to protest to Governor Ribicoff for the charges made by Connecticut State Police officials in the misuse of the word Mafia.

January 8: Letter to Henry R. Luce, editor-in-chief of Life Magazine protesting the unsupported charge in a staff article which stated that "Mafia operations are concentrated almost entirely in the United States and Sicily."



ATTY. VICTOR N. CARDOSI

Named a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope John XXIII.

Kings County Republican County Committee.

He is a member of the Brooklyn Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Guild of Catholic Lawyers of Brooklyn, Kings County Regional Council of the State Commission Against Discrimination, the Italian Board of Guardians, the Independent Order of Foresters, Court United No. 774.

Renzo Abbondandolo

Supreme Deputy Renzo Abbondandolo of Coral Gables, Fla., has been awarded the Republic of Italy's Star of Solidarity medal for his work in fostering better relations between the United States and Italy.

Brother Abbondandolo, a former grand orator and assistant grand venerable of the Florida Order, is Supreme Deputy for the Grand Lodge of Alabama. He is also a member of the Order's National Committee on Public Relations.

His work on behalf of the Order's project to have purple worn on Columbus Day helped to establish the move in Florida.

A native of Italy, Brother Abbondandolo came to the United States in 1921 under a scholarship grant. His military service in Italy as a liaison officer for the allied forces in World War I won for him the Inter-Allied Medal.

While serving as assistant to an uncle, John Aufiero, inventor of the electric automobile horn, Brother Abbondandolo assisted in the establishment of a school and the Maria Aufiero Orphanage in Italy, through funds granted by Aufiero.

Soon after his arrival in this country he settled in New York. At one time he served as director of Il Segnale, a weekly publication. During his association with the publication he campaigned for the introduction of the study of the Italian language in high schools throughout the state. He was honored by the Italian

New Year Greetings

Alighieri - Garibaldi Lodge No. 494

PAULINE CANZONESE
Venerable

CAMDEN, N. J.



RENZO ABBONDANDOLO

Recipient of Republic of Italy's Star of Solidarity Medal.

Government with the Citation First Class in 1937 for his work in promoting the Italian language. In 1940 he was again honored by Italy and made a Commendatore of the Crown of Italy.

In 1948 he received a third honor from Italy for his humanitarian activities and was made Commendatore of the Military Order of San Giorgio, receiving the award at the Hall of Congresses in Naples. He has spoken on several occasions in Italy and his theme has been "The Progress of Italians in The United States," or "The Real American Way of Life."

Since making his home in Coral Gables in 1949, Brother Abbondandolo has participated in a number of civic activities in the Miami area. He has served as a goodwill ambassador for the City of Miami and has served as the mayor's representative at a number of civic functions.

Victor N. Cardosi

Supreme Deputy Victor N. Cardosi, Kankakee city attorney and assistant attorney general for Illinois, has been named a Knight of St. Gregory by Pope John XXIII.

A Past Grand Venerable of the Illinois Order, Brother Cardosi has also served the Grand Council as a grand trustee and assistant grand venerable.

He is Supreme Deputy for the Grand Lodges of Michigan, Nebraska and Ohio.

Brother Cardosi has handled legal matters in the Kankakee area for the Joliet diocese for the past ten years.

He is one of the founders of Americo Vespucci Lodge No. 1722 of Kankakee and served as its first venerable. He also helped to organize Maria Christina di Savoia Lodge of Kankakee.

Cardosi also holds the Italian Republic's Star of Solidarity medal for his work in urging Americans of Italian descent to write to relatives in Italy to vote against Communist candidates.

In 1956, the year of the Hungarian revolution, he was state chairman of the Governor's Committee for Refugees.

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The Supreme Chaplain's Corner

Human Respect

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Human respect is the estimation and the preference of the judgments of men, rather than the judgment of God.

You act from a motive of human respect when you do something, or neglect a duty, because you are afraid of "what people will say." For example: Your conscience tells you to perform a worthy action, but fear of how "others" will interpret it makes you refrain from doing it; or, the voice of God tells you not to do a certain thing, but the voice of human respect tells you to go ahead and do it. It is human respect to stifle the voice of God and listen to the voice of the world. In following the crowd in misbehaviour, you justify yourself by saying: "others do it, why shouldn't I?" Such regulating of your moral conduct by the opinion or behaviour of "others" is abject servitude. You become a base coward when you allow human respect to force you to act contrary to your convictions and the dictates of your conscience.



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You are guilty of this serious sin of human respect every time you act, or fail to act, in order to please men, even when this displeases God, or you are afraid to offend men, and thereby offend God; when, to gain the favor of men, even though it means losing the favor of God, you close your eyes to injustice, or tolerate the oppression of the innocent, the poor and the helpless; when you see others being deprived of their just possessions and good name, and you do nothing about it; when you surrender your free will by complying with all new extreme fashions and scandalous customs; when you take "just one more" drink, or tell another dirty story, so that "others" will not consider you a poor sport.

It is even more sinful if you act out of a motive of human respect in matters of religion. To such our Lord said: "He who denies Me before men, I will deny him before My Father who is in heaven." Human respect is a denial of God.

It will help you to avoid becoming a slave to human respect, if you will keep in mind the words of Wolsey (Hen. VIII):

"Had I but served my God with half the zeal I served my king, He would not in my age have left me naked to mine enemies."

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